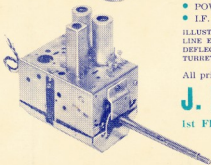
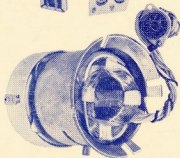
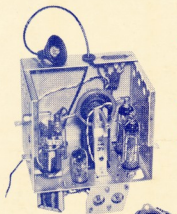


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At this time of the year most people endeavour to convey to others, expressions of Christmas goodwill, and to show in a practical manner by the exchange of gifts, that friendship means something real and valuable to them.

The spirit of friendship has much to commend it at all times and the Radio Amateur knows that his attitude to his fellow Amateur is important in this respect, as friendship has always been part of the Amateur's code.

At this season of the year, it seems to us that we should ensure that our help and co-operation is extended more heartily and consistently than usual to others interested in Amateur Radio, and that we make special efforts to break down the natural shyness and reserve which often prevents us getting together.

Your Federal Executive suggests that you endeavour to carry the Christmas spirit to some young enthusiast in Radio, with the intention of assisting him to qualify as the holder of an experimental licence.

No doubt many of our members already do assist others in this way, but there are plenty of young people who would be cheered and helped by a little practical assistance and advice.

Christmas offers a suitable opportunity for us to visit other Amateurs, especially establishing friendly relations with our near neighbours as well as forming lasting friendships with other Divisional members.

For those who are shy types and find it difficult to form new friendships, this time of the year makes new contacts easy. Everyone is more easily approached at Christmas and the general spirit of friendliness makes these contacts simple and effective.

We have been reading through some old copies of "QST" (1928 vintage) and find that the prevailing spirit of those days was "real and practical friendship." Perhaps that is why some of our overseas Amateur Radio associations have grown and developed to the strength they enjoy today.

Your Federal Executive desires to extend sincere thanks to all those who have assisted in the administration and development of the Wireless Institute of Australia and to express the wish on behalf of the Federal Council that Christmas will be a season of goodwill indeed and that the New Year will be a happy one for you and yours.

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ANOTHER TWO-METRE CONVERTER

BY R. M. WINCH,* VK2OA

YES! Another 2 metre converter using the same old tubes and the same old cascade circuit with the same old overtone oscillator and multiplier. Well, why all the hullabaloo and fuss? The answer is in the way it is put together!

If you have read the results of sundry fox hunts, hidden transmitter hunts, etc., which have taken place in VK2 land you may (?) have gained the impression that VK2OA is one of the top line boys on 2 metres in Sydney. This shows just how wrong you can be. Chasing signals down a back road of Killara and chasing paradiddles down the screen circuit of a 6AK5—ahah! there you have two entirely different set-ups. VK2OA can (and has) run into every bit as much strife with 2 metre gear as was ever visualised by VK2QZ ("A.R." Aug. '55) and VK5EF ("A.R." June '56). For months, his pet 2 metre converter had a noise figure which only occasion-

ally dropped below 20 db. so that when he finally built a new converter which came up, first go, with a noise figure of 5 db., there must be something worth talking about, don't you think?

TECHNICAL REASONING

In every piece of r.f. apparatus there is both "hot" and "cold" leads and components. Circuitwise, that is OK, but when it comes to construction some very nasty little problems rear their ugly heads. Obviously, we want to get the "hot" bits as hot as we can; you know, lo-loss, hi-Q sort of thing. That is what the handbook means when it talks about ceramic valve sockets, air supported coils wound of heavy wire of an optimum form factor and not too close to surrounding metal, etc.

Also, we do not want different families of "hot" leads getting mixed up

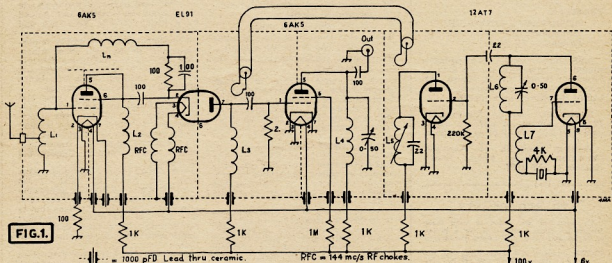
with each other. The technical bodes refer to this sort of thing as r.f. coupling of some form or other. The straightout mutual inductive kind we stick with shielding, generally the more the better. Now, straightout mutual inductive coupling can be a menace, but at least we can see it. With one coil here and another coil there, we can visualise the lines of force reaching out from coil to coil and we can see what a beautiful job the shield does in foiling their dirty designs. But what you can see is only half the story!

See that lead sneaking under the first coil, around the end of the shield and under the second coil on its way to the second valve socket? The shield isn't in the race against that one. See that three-quarter inch long cathode resistor? Whoo! Before you eighty metre types get too sarcastic, try putting a 10-watt wire-wound resistor in the cathode of your old and then by-pass it with a

Nevertheless, with modern high-gain tubes they are a must, irrespective of what frequency we are using. The catch is that the difficulty of accomplishment is proportional to the frequency we are using. ($\frac{1}{2}$ " at 80 metres equals . . . Struth! I can't get the iron in.) However, if you are willing to change your conventional constructional ideas a little you will find the problem is softened up somewhat.

PRACTICAL APPROACH

Too long have we followed the old idea of putting all the valves, transformers and other bulky items on top of the chassis and all the wiring, resistors, capacitors and other small items underneath. Why not divide our leads and components into "hot" and "cold" categories? Then, if we put one lot on one side of the chassis and the other lot on the other side of the chassis, we have automatically shielded them from



0.1 uF. paper capacitor to a spot on the chassis two feet six inches away from the cathode. ($\frac{1}{2}$ " at 2 metres equals 2' 6" at 80 metres.) Rocks you, doesn't it?

By now, you should be at the stage where you will readily believe that we want our "cold" leads and components so cold that they have icicles on them and they should be like that all over. (Who said take it up to the top of Mt. Kosciuszko?). From the foregoing it will be seen that we should treat each cold lead and component in the following manner:—

- Completely shield it from all hot leads and components so that no r.f. can be induced into it, either inductively or capacitively, and**
- Where the cold lead joins a hot component, completely by-pass the junction to ground.**

These sound to be very stringent requirements which we have to fill.

other there. That has fixed up requirement (a).

Now we come to requirement (b). Suppose we consider the lead from the cold end of the plate coil which we want to by-pass and then take through the chassis to h.t. Our normal way of looking at by-passing is by providing an easier path for the r.f. to get to ground. The way we should look at it is that the r.f. potential at the by-passed point is proportional to the impedance between that point and ground. Note the use of "impedance" instead of "capacitive reactance." Again, this "cold" lead still has to get from the by-passed point to the hole in the chassis and on its way it can have r.f. induced into it. OK! Then we want a by-pass capacitor with no impedance and the by-passed point wants to be right at the hole in the chassis.

That certainly is a tough assignment, but we can get full marks for the sec-

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ond part and score pretty highly for the first part if we use ceramic lead-through capacitors to do our by-passing. These little dinghies have been in existence for a fair while, but they seem to be not so well known as they should be. Briefly, they consist of a ceramic tube plated inside and outside. Through the centre is a lead connected to the inside coating and sticking out both ends. The outside coating is connected to some form of mounting so that the capacitor can be mounted in a hole in the chassis with one half of the centre conductor on each side of the chassis. Since the outside electrode becomes an integral part of the chassis the overall impedance between the centre and ground is virtually the reactance of the capacitance only.

They can be placed around the valve socket so that the screen, cathode and filament connections of the socket can be connected to them with the minimum of lead length. The supply leads, of course, being connected to the other end of the centre conductor which is on the cold side of the chassis. (The cold side of the plate coil is supported by one also.) These capacitors are currently available from VK5EF's friend, they hold 1000 puffs and they can stand more jolts than you can. And they compare in price with the Aspros VK5EF consumed.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Now that you have the meat of the story here are some pretty pictures. Fig. 1 shows the circuit of the converter drawn in a fashion which illustrates how the two categories—"hot" and "cold"—are kept apart. Fig. 2 shows the layout on the hot side of the chassis. The cold side is not shown as it is not in the least bit critical. The original converter was built long and narrow only because it had to fit into a given space in a mobile rig. The chassis and partitions were made from twelve "thou" shim bent up with pliers and soldered together. The chassis itself was bent up and soldered first. The socket holes were then punched and the sockets mounted. After that the partitions were shaped and soldered into place, and finally the holes for the lead-through capacitors were made. Of course, if you are a blacksmith you can use heavy gauge brass, but it is surprising just how rigid the shim is.

The circuit is straightforward and has appeared in many publications over the last five years or so. The EC91 was chosen for the grounded grid stage because it gave a better layout than the conventional 6J6 or 12AT7. There may be some argument about the use of the pentode mixer, but some research (into

"QST" and the like) seemed to sum up that if the cascade is doing its job properly the difference in noise between a triode and a pentode mixer does not mean much and the pentode is not so critical of oscillator injection voltage.

The overtone oscillator circuit used as chosen for its ease of adjustment. The plate circuit of the multiplier section is shown as being slug tuned (brass slug!). This could equally well have been capacitively tuned. The deciding factor in this case was the availability of a nice ceramic former already slugged and the non-availability of a suitable small sized variable capacitor. Which ever way it is done it should not be too broad in its response. Any r.f. at other than the desired harmonic appearing in this coil will get on to the mixer grid and cause some extra noise without causing some extra signal. The link from this coil to the mixer grid coil was made from a single piece of co-axial cable. The outside, braid and inside were stripped to leave enough of the inner conductor to form a single turn loop.

A hole was bored in the chassis, the co-ax pushed through from the top, the braid soldered to the chassis, then the piece of inner conductor bent round to form a single turn and the end soldered to the end of the braid. The single turn is closely coupled to the cold end of the coil.

GETTING IT GOING

This is where you re-read the articles written by those two blokes whose names were mentioned earlier, say to yourself, "They don't scare me—I think," get out the g.d.o. and start some serious work. In addition to the g.d.o. you will want twice as much coil wire as you estimated and a thin stick which has a small brass slug mounted on one end and an iron dust slug on the other end. (Once upon a time when we wound our own broadcast coils, this dinger was known as a "tuning wand." Remember?

L1, L2, and L3 could start off at four turns, 1" diameter, spread out a fair bit and with L1 tapped one-third the way up. L4 could be made about 13 turns, 1" diameter and almost close wound. L4, L5, L6 and L7—well, you're on your own there, chum. The size of these will be determined by the crystal frequency.

Just to save all argument, let's assume that the crystal frequency is 8500 Kc. Three times that is 25.5 Mc. (that is where L6/7 has to go) and—let's see—five times that is 127.5 Mc. (L5) which gives 16.5 to 20.5 Mc. out, so straight-away you can play around with L4 until it hits approximately 17-17.5 Mc. This done, forget it and turn to L6. Wind eleven coils of different sizes and pick

the one that resonates at 25.5 Mc, with approximately 35 pF. across it (wired into the circuit and with the valves plugged in, of course). Incidentally, a good former for this coil is a piece of the polythene out of co-ax cable.

Now carefully remove L6 from the chassis and wrap a small piece of paper around the cold end of the former. On the paper wind L7 with approximately one-third the number of turns in L6. Fasten the turns of L7 down—not with chewing gum—and make sure that it will slide up and down so that the coupling can be varied. Now put it back and wire it in. Better check that L6 still hits 25.5 Mc!

Apply the h.t. on it and see what happens. By tuning the plate circuit it should be possible to make the stage oscillate. If no oscillation occurs at any setting of the plate tuning check the following: L7 either wound or connected back-to-front, insufficient coupling between L6 and L7, L7 too small.

With oscillation occurring over a wide range of plate tuning, decrease the coupling a little bit at a time until the stage oscillates over only one small portion of the plate tuning. Now listen on 25.5 Mc. for that nice clean crystal note and make sure that there is nothing else.

Got that all fixed up? Good! You're halfway. Laddie, you've made an overtone oscillator work and you may now go out and crow over those uninformed 80 metre types that inhabit your town. They'll only look at you with pity, but take no notice.

Come back and put the g.d.o. over L1, L2 and L3. Squeeze, push, pull, stretch or whatever is necessary to make them resonate at 144.5 Mc. and then use the same procedure to make L5 resonant at 127.5 Mc. (Don't forget your crystal won't be 8500, so for 25.5 and 127.5 Mc. read the appropriate multiples of your crystal.) While you have been doing this, you will have noticed that L2 has a very broad response. Don't worry, that is how they all are.

Now comes the big moment! Make sure that the 2 metre beam is connected to the converter and that the converter is connected to the receiver, which is switched to the right frequency range, and that the speaker is connected. (You would be amazed just how essential it is to do all those things.) Hit the big switch and as soon as it has warmed up, tune over the band, starting at 144 Mc. What? No signals? Of course there isn't. It is Saturday night and they have all gone to the pictures. Never mind, they'll be there tomorrow night.

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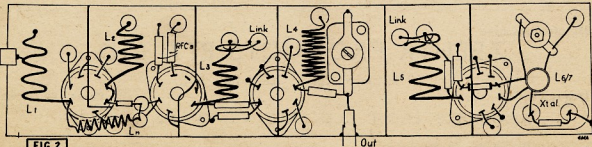


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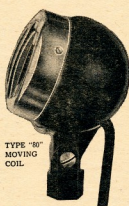


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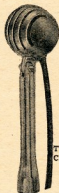


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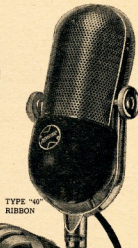
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Nullabor Pains Expedition, '56-7

BY G. M. BOWEN,* VK5XU

THE Expedition is being run in conjunction with the first National Conference of Australian Speleologists (cave explorers to the uninitiated) and constitutes one of the major scientific expeditions in this field undertaken in Australia. It aims to acquire data on this remote area in the west of South Australia which hitherto it has not been possible to obtain because of its inaccessibility and the inhospitable nature of the terrain.

Most Australian States now have a group of enthusiasts who are devoted to the exploration of caves and the Conference, which precedes the Expedition, is being held in order to inaugurate a National Federation of Australian Speleologists. This is to be held at Pamanga, near Christies Beach, some 20 miles south of Adelaide, from 26th to 28th December, 1956.

At 0400 hours, on the 29th, approximately 60 members, from three States, will set out for the Nullabor Plains under the leadership of the S.A. Cave Exploration Group (Elery Hamilton-Smith, President). They will travel in trucks, each vehicle being fully equipped with material for exploring the caves and carrying its own food, water and fuel. Ceduna will be the dispersal location where final details will be arranged and water taken aboard for the 10 days in the field. The trip will disperse over the Nullabor Plains forming the apexes of a triangle some 100 miles apart, operating in areas far removed from civilization.

Contact between each party and the Headquarters vehicle will be by radio communication as each truck will be equipped with mobile transceivers. These will operate on the 5 Mc. and 8 Mc. frequencies allocated to the Bush Church Aid Society at their Ceduna base. George Cameron (VK5EC) is in charge of the radio network in that area. Each vehicle will also be able to contact Ceduna direct in any case of emergency.

As organiser of that side of the expedition, I shall naturally be carrying equipment capable of operating on the Amateur bands and whenever possible—as power permits, usually in these cases—will be on the air looking for contacts.

The question is bound to be asked by someone—"What is the value of such an excursion?" Well, although the cost is approximately £25 per person (and paid by them too!), very little is known of this unique area except that it is a large limestone plateau rising some 500 feet above sea-level, and in places above the surrounding country another 200 feet. It is not perfectly horizontal, having a marked slope from west to east. Propagation of medium frequency radio waves by ground wave is negligible because of the very poor conductivity of the earth (compare the S.E. of South Australia) and some trouble is anticipated on the 2020 Kc. frequency unless dipoles or counterpoises are used.

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Many caves occur in the area. Some of them have amazingly large single chambers with ceilings reaching 250 feet. Others penetrate to the water table nearly 300 feet below the surface and provide large areas of deep lakes which can be navigated in dinghies. The mineral content of much of this water is too high for human use—except externally; and summer being what it is, and the temperatures on the Nullabor Plains running usually over the century, I guess that any water will be acceptable, even though I have been told that its normal temperature is just above 65 degrees—"shiver-me-timbers."

Scientists in every branch will be making their studies of the rock formations and origins of the caves will be "meat" for the geologists; physicists will plot air temperatures and movement within the caves; zoologists, animal life on and below the plains; botanists, plant life; anthropologists will be looking for signs of native occupation and relics of earlier periods; surveyors will accurately map the caves and their exact positions will be determined; photographers will gather valuable records of everything that is worth photographing.

And what will yours truly be doing? Well, that's a secret even to him yet, but he'll let you know if and/or when he returns! So keep listening, chaps.

The W.I.A. is in this up to its neck, by heck!

AMATEUR CALL SIGNS

FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1956

NEW CALL SIGNS

- VK—New South Wales**
 2AE—L. E. Harris, 26 Park Ave., Wailara.
 2QH—H. D. Howe, 25 Maroubra Bay Rd., Pagewood.
- Victoria**
 3ZDI—B. J. Crisp, 69 Northcliffe Ave., Edithvale.
 3ZDK—K. J. McLachlan, Shingler St., Leon-gatha.
 3ZDM—R. J. Beames, 502 Ligar St., Ballarat.
 3ZDR—R. H. Chapman, 15 Corona St., North Balwyn.
 3ZEB—S. J. Beaton, 101 McKinnon Rd., McKinnon.
- Queensland**
 4BI—J. Birmingham, 103 Kerry Rd., Coopers Plains.
 4DP—D. M. Portley (Dr.), 36 Oxlade Drive, New Farm, Brisbane.
 4HF—C. H. Foley, 2 John St., West End, Townsville.
 4RR—K. W. Beale, 2 Duncan St., Hill End, Brisbane.
 4WR—R. F. Woolley, 12 Kennedy St., Aeroglen, Cairns.
 4ZW—B. Whitcomb, 104 Cairns St., Cairns.
 4ZAH—B. P. Ward, 11 Melville Ter., Wynnum.
- South Australia**
 5TX—G. P. Tuck, 57 Cowra St., Mile End.
 5WH—W. H. John, 14 Shirley Ave., Woodville West.
- Western Australia**
 6ZAO—R. G. Smith, Waterloo.
- Tasmania**
 7BT—T. G. Barnes, "Cotteswood," Main Rd., Taroon.
- Territories**
 0AA—W. J. Stewart, Antarctica.
 8AJ—E. L. Lerpiniere, Direction Island, Cocos.
- CHANGES OF ADDRESS**
VK—New South Wales
 2MU—J. J. Case, 29 Faraday St., Padstow.
 2OZ—W. E. Dixon, Mann St., Glenbrook.
 2QI—C. Bowler, M.V. "Century," C/o 25 Castle St., Randwick.

- 2XN—W. E. Gibbins, 52 Churchill Ave., Strathfield.
 2AGN—G. E. Nixon-Smith, "Banyandah," R.M.B. 288, via Bathurst.
 2ZAR—R. A. Ridgley, 77 Garfield St., Five Dock.
 2ZAT—J. Wakefield, 5 Oakes Ave., Eastwood.
- Victoria**
 3LC—A. W. Chandler, 1013 High St., Armadale.
 3NJ—K. H. Meallin, 35 Peterleigh Gr., Essendon.
 3QL—S. E. Le Breton, 19 Butcher St., St. Arnaud, Buxton.
 3AMU—A. M. Upton, Cambridge St., South Melbourne.
 3APC—Macraibbin & District Radio Club, C/o J. Kernes, 73 Daly St., Bentleigh.
 3ASC—S. T. Clark, 68 Jensen Rd., East Preston.
 3ZCP—A. D. Pridgeon, Nepean Highway, Dromana.
- Queensland**
 4KG—K. J. Briggs, C/o H. West, 10 Watson St., Wilston Heights, Brisbane.
 4RB—R. J. Browne, 2 Garden Gr., Dorrington.
 4TD—T. A. Dale, 84 Prince St., Annerley, Brisbane.
- South Australia**
 5BM—A. R. Matthews, 16 Gurr St., Goodwood.
 5DR—A. W. Winter, Murray St., Kinnecote.
 5ON—C. J. Othens, 82 Main Road, Blackwood Park.
 5UP—R. Fenwick, C/o 5AU, Box 207, Port Augusta.
 5UW—K. E. Wilson, 5 Reading Rd., Clearview.
- Western Australia**
 6AH—A. S. Hill, New Springs Station, Wiluna.
 6QG—F. R. Gray, 128 Flinders St., Mt. Hawthorn.

CANCELLED CALL SIGNS

- VK—New South Wales**
 2ACB—A. C. Bell.
 2ADW—J. S. Walker.
 2ZBS—C. F. Ford.
 2ZBL—W. S. Lane.
- Victoria**
 3VD—C. M. Barnett.
 3W—G. B. Stoble.
 3ARI—R. M. Tutton.
 3AUM—M. M. Upton.
- Queensland**
 4JC—J. M. Coboe.
- South Australia**
 5ME—S. G. McLean.
 5OP—K. N. Theel.
 5ZAT—G. P. Tuck, Now VK5TX.
 5ZAY—G. P. Yealand.
 5ZBJ—W. H. John, Now VK5WH.
- Territories**
 IEM—E. L. Macklin.
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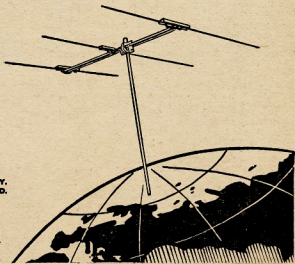
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BY L. F. BRICE,* VK5OK

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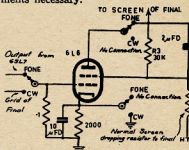
It has one disadvantage (but the importance attached to this rests with the individual). Being an efficiency type of modulation a certain amount of power is lost when the carrier is modulated. The input to the final drops by approximately one-third when the carrier is modulated. Tests have been conducted and this drop in input power represents a drop of $\frac{1}{2}$ S point in signal strength.

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A point to note! Should the clamper tube to be modulated serve as a protective tube on the final in an existing rig, it will cease to function in this manner when used as the modulator, therefore it may be wise to have some other form of protective bias should the grid drive fail.

Operating: The transmitter should be tuned and loaded for c.w. conditions.

Switch to modulation (input to final will drop by approximately one-third; this can be adjusted by varying the value of R3). No further tuning adjustments necessary.



With audio applied to the grid of the clamp tube, no change in final plate current should occur before 100 per cent. modulation is obtained.

Tests should be conducted to find the optimum setting of the audio gain control.

No difficulty should be experienced with this modulator and it can almost be guaranteed that you will have a "fone" signal on the air first try should you decide to give it a go.

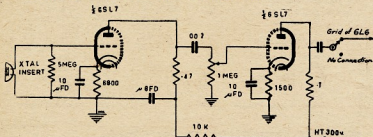
ANOTHER 2-MX CONVERTER

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Anyway, here is what you do tomorrow night. Tune in a medium strength signal (no more than 30 db. over 9) and check L1, L2 and L3 with the tuning wand. Gently approach each coil from the end with each slug in turn. If the signal goes up as the brass slug comes nearer, then the coil is too big. If, however, it is the iron slug that gives you another S-point, the coil is too small. Fix it. It is better to do one coil at a time and start with L3, then L1 and leave L2 to the last. Then have a go at L5. When you have the coils right, either slug will cause a decrease in signal strength.

Now find one of the real hefty signals and adjust Ln. It is best to pick one of the ear-bashers for this adjustment. Disconnect the supply to the filament of the first valve and, using the tuning wand, adjust Ln until the signal recedes into the murky distance. The adjustments of L1 and Ln may interlock, likewise L5 and L3, so it's as well to check back and forth on them. Right? Reconnect the filament supply and start listening. You'll hear them—if your beam works—and your location is alright—and there's on!

After about a month's use you will get to the stage where you will think, "She's not bad, but I wonder if I can do a bit better?" This is the stage where you cultivate one of the boys who owns a noise generator. You keep at him until he lends it to you and then you do the whole tuning procedure again, including adjusting the aerial tap and the amount of oscillator injection until the noise figure is as low as you can get it. If it is worse than 5 db. then I've wasted my time; if it is better than 5 db.—well, how's about dropping round and having a go at mine, pal? Cheers, CU on 80!



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1956 REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO WEST AUST.

Last year I referred to the extremely high scores from contestants and commented that it seemed that saturation had been reached. With the VK6 Division winning the trophy for the third time, it is necessary to amend that statement, for their final score this year has reached the highest ever yet attained. Magnificent operating by the top six scorers and the outstanding entry of other logs has shown that careful organisation beforehand can be the deciding factor in winning the trophy.

The colossal score turned in by VK3ATN merits your special attention and congratulations.

The scores of the States were fairly well separated this year, much to the relief of the Committee because each year the entry grows larger. My thanks on your behalf go to the VK3 Division Secretary, Brian Austin (VK5CA), who is not a member of the Committee, but who has hardly missed a session over the past two months; to the new Contest Manager, Rex Richards (VK5DO), for his organising ability and patience during the marathon task of checking; the other members of the Committee, Reg 5RR, Les 5LC and Reg 5QR; and last but far from least, those impressed stalwarts 5PM, 5RG, 5HQ, 5EX, 5KO and 5OR.

As we ran out of midnight oil last year, we had to exist on the calories and fluid provided by our long suffering but good hearted wives.

Since postal arrangements were uncertain, no log was disqualified for late arrival: in point of fact this year seems to be the lowest yet, but the Committee was sorely tried in some cases where scores had not been added and in one instance points had not even been allotted for the contacts! In future no quarter will be given for incorrect logs; this Contest has been going too long for contestants not to know how to fill in their logs.

There were some funny incidents during the 24 hours. Les VK5UX working from my QTH and calling "VK5XU log VK5UX"—one poor VK4 wondered whether he was "contest happy"; a prominent Ballarat v.h.f. Ham who was having fun just prior to the opening trying to get drive to an 807 and loading it into a 68 footer with the far end in the mud; Bill VK6DX, who worked all night, so he thought, until he looked at his log and found a couple of hours missing.

One sad incident occurred when one of my friends called a certain VK3 Amateur and was treated to a homily on how stupid the whole Contest was and how he didn't care whether it was a Memorial or not, blah! blah! blah!!! I just wondered where his Amateur Radio hobby would have been if those who died for him hadn't answered the call and made the supreme sacrifice. As I felt ashamed that a fellow Amateur could so lower his dignity to make such statements for all to hear (and that included the general public), I am afraid that he was on my calling frequency! I apologised to my friend later.

Propagation conditions were almost ideal for the period and all bands were well populated. VK6, with its greater distances, had the edge on the other States as all bands were easy to work to the Eastern States. An interesting feature to the Committee was the total contacts made by each Division (as per logs) and the average on the basis of 1 point per contact. These figures were particularly interesting and could form the basis for a modification of the scoring system.

There is no doubt that the Contest is becoming more popular each year and I would remind you all that it is for a memorial to those who died that we do contest with each other. Please do not at any time let your striving for place-getting banish from your thoughts that selflessness and honour are the keystones of our grand hobby. For be ye well assured—

"By your acts of grace
So shall they live."

G. M. Bowen, Chairman, Contest Committee.

STATE SCORES

Western Australia			
VK6FD	963	Average	881
6RU	944	Licencees	206
6HK	904	Logs	97
6MK	870		
6TH	848	Total Points	1296
6DX	759		

South Australia			
VK5EN	922	Average	812
5RG	890	Licencees	383
5WO	881	Logs	83
5JN	786		
5GW	752	Total Points	988
5MG	641		

New South Wales			
VK2AMR	841	Average	719
2AHH	808	Licencees	1112
2RS	803	Logs	54
1PM	782		
2BO	569	Total Points	755

2PN ..	509		
Tasmania			
VK7AI ..	682	Average	552
7LJ ..	597	Licencees	124
7BR ..	532	Logs	41
7DR ..	519		
7AB ..	512	Total Points ..	734
7YY ..	467		

Victoria			
VK3ATN	1147	Average	671
3ADW	804	Licencees	1056
3HG	623	Logs	73
3ALZ	518		
3DQ	508	Total Points	717
3ZU	426		

	120	New Guinea	
VK9DB	959	Average	437
9XK	480	Licencees	38
9FN	454	Logs	5
9WK	184	Total Points ..	495
9OQ	109		

Queensland			
VK4CC	840	Average	447
4NT	529	Licencees	335
4MO	447	Logs	35
4DI	302		
4JF	283	Total Points	493
4OV	278		

Antarctica	
VK1IJ	978
1GA	12

AWARDS

Open

VK1IJ	978
2AHH	808
3ATN	1147
4CC	840
5RG	890
6RU	944
7LJ	597
9XK	480
2RS*	803

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VK2AMR	841
3ZU	426
4MO	447
5EN	922
6MK	870
7AI	682
9DB	959

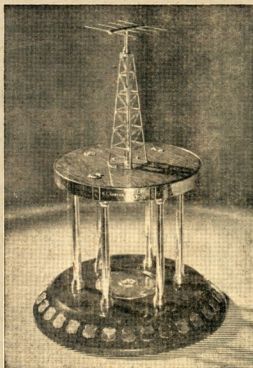
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VK2GW	436
3AHH	320
4DI	302
5MD	269
5TL*	95
6EZ	145
7CH	399

* Northern Territory.

Listeners

A. Stebbing	392
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Remembrance Day Trophy won by West. Australia

OTHER LOGS

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VK2TQ	503	VK2AH	135	VK2WT	62
2EL	229	2ZS	113	2VN	58
2AWN	429	2AN	113	2AHT	56
2QL	426	2AGJ	112	2AFY	49
2FS	398	2APQ	111	2SJ	49
2APP	330	2ANU	106	2UC	49
2AHP	293	2CZ	92	2ADL	44
2ARV	250	2PL	83	2ADZ	43
2JR	234	2ACD	77	2AIC	38
2TQ	222	2AVJ	75	2AIV	35
2AJG	220	2BA	75	2AOR	28
2AKV	211	2AAJ	74	2YC	23
2AAB	208	2EJ	72	2HZ	17
2ADT	165	2AFA	67	2AWX	15
2ADT	151	2PV	65	2CS	14
2AJL	147			2EO/P	10

Rejected Logs

VK2JY—No contact times shown.
2EN—No "sent" serial number.
2ACI—No serial numbers.

VICTORIA

VK3IB	408	VK3YS	167	VK3CX	56
3AIT	400	3ARL	164	3AYM	54
3AGD	391	3FR	160	3AKW	50
3ADV	381	3JC	157	3DT	45
3ZA	366	3AFF	154	3II	41
3TG	352	3DW	152	3OH	38
3IE	312	3SM	148	3ARM	31
3FY	312	3IC	141	3ZZ	31
3XB	289	3RJ	139	3PG	31
3ZO	286	3ADU	131	3AFP	29
3VT	282	3ABT	99	3ARV	29
3KC	258	3AFJ	96	3UM	29
3ANO	240	3XCH	95	3OF	22
3APF	239	3IL	93	3ASB	21
3DU	237	3GZ	89	3AWZ	21
3AJG	200	3XU	79	3XJ	20
3KR	197	3KB	78	3LY	18
3AR	196	3AXU	73	3TO	18
3NN	182	3GE	71	3TI	17
3TR	186	3AXW	70	3ALD	14
3ATK	180	3WY	70	3ZS	14
3ZM	169	3AIM	69	3OJ	10
		3AZR	68		

Check Log: VK3JE.

QUEENSLAND

VK4DK	183	VK4CN	71	VK4EC	22
4HH	180	4KK	51	4BG	20
4JE	145	4FW	50	4LR	18
4VS	145	4XJ	48	4AF	15
4NU	140	4JR	47	4ZM	13
4TR	93	4GC	37	4ZC	12
4ZP	90	4LE	35	4ZZ	9
4OR	82	4EA	32	4XA	8
4EZ	81	4RW	24	4PR	7
4TF	74			4PY	7

Check Log: VK4BW.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

VK5AB	592	VK5KM	314	VK5LS	224
5AP	406	5TT	314	5FF	221
5FY	402	5BG	312	5PQ	204
5QW	376	5RH	297	5KU	198
5DK	359	5FO	275	5PM	170
5ZB	363	5AX	273	5FJ	151
5JC	352	5IC	267	5MZ	123
5OK	329	5HI	261	5HR	127
5EF	322	5KN	239	5XU	109
5DF	319	5FM	243	5LD	98

South Australia (Continued)

VK5CH	92	VK5KY	50	VK5XA	32
5OR	91	5IG	47	5LE	32
5DI	87	5RO	47	5DP	24
5KK	79	5CJ	46	5EA	24
5IC	78	5HQ	46	5IW	23
5OR	78	5UF	40	5LL	20
5OC	67	5WM	40	5PT	19
5WR	67	5DP	39	5PU	16
5RK	66	5LN	39	5CO	16
5WI	63	5PS	39	5OD	16
5RI	57	5UX	38	5ZY	16
5CE	35	5TW	37	5DO	14
5ON	53	5RW	36	5LB	14
5HM	52	5AV	35	5XL	13
5EH	51	5FO	32	5CA	9

Check Log: VK5EG.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

VK6E	484	VK6WI	27	VK6GA	18
6BO	297	6TH	25	6RO	18
6TB	249	6HS	25	6RS	18
6VK	216	6WZ	25	6BD	17
6LU	170	6HR	25	6BG	17
6AP*	159	6AG	25	6BA	17
6AP*	159	6EW	25	6HC	17
6GY	94	6WH	25	6TX	17
6KE	76	6PL	24	6WR	17
6CT	69	6CL	24	6FW	16
6ZZ	67	6GX	23	6ZI	16
6UF	65	6SJ	23	6KU	16
6BC	61	6CW	23	6MR/P	16
6CU	54	6EL	23	6ZL	16
6TK	52	6RK	23	6LB	15
6DJ	51	6AP	22	6SR	15
6BS	50	6TR	22	6WT	15
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† Log B.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

The 2 mx spring field day was held in beautiful weather and quite a number of home and portable stations took part. Messages were originated at 10 a.m. and relayed until 4 p.m. A lot of work had been done by the contest managers and at the time of writing results are not yet to hand.

Each Wednesday evening the monthly meeting of the V.h.f. Group has been reserved for nocturnal hidden tx hunts which commence at 8 p.m. and terminate at 1.30 p.m. Results are given over VK2W1 Sunday evening b.c.

On 21st Oct. the station of Horrie 2HL, assisted by Chas. 2NP, was given the job of going out and hiding somewhere. They reached the Forestville district. The first in was Dave 2AWZ, closely followed by John 2ANF and Dick 2JCP. Several other arrivals were then indulged in and a good night had by all.

Several visitors made themselves acquainted with the V.h.f. Group at our usual monthly meeting held on Friday night, Nov. '56. Suspension of standing orders to enable the well attended meeting to listen to an interesting relay were soon agreed to and the Group then heard Mr. Gordon Harne, of S.T.C., give a talk on Pulse Radar Terrain Indicators, which Mr. Cox assisted with block diagrams. Also displayed were examples of tx's, rx's, meters and antennae. A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation in the usual way, after Arthur 2AJA kindly thanked the lecturer for his instruction and entertainment.

The December meeting will manifest itself in a hunt over an "Air Sale" which will be conducted by Ted 2XX on behalf of the Group.

From the northern area we are informed by Ken that 2GV, 2VU and 2ANU were the regulars at the attended Blackalls Field Day. Visitors to the area were 42AA, Mick and Ross working mobile with a 522, Geoff 2VU heard 2AA from Tamworth, 2ANU out of Luck with tx trouble. The Tamworth boys 2APF, 21Y, 2ZAD and 2ATD are working 2 mx. Both 2ANU and 2VU were active in the Springfield Day and were able to clear all messages. Frank 2APF reports that 2ZAP of Warwick will be running tone interspersed with call sign at 1800 hours for 15 minutes each night with beam south. Frank now has a xtal locked converter, also 2KQ at Totonto, 2ANU is holding nightly QSO at 2100 hours, also 21Y is receiving Roy well on phone. Noted with interest 2ZAC is listed as new call in Scope.

There were no reports from the club at JAZRU, on 50.1 Mc., has been heard calling CQ-2AFM.

VICTORIA

We had a very warm pleasant evening for the last fox hunt but strangely, we didn't have nearly as big a turn-out as on some of those freezing cold nights during the winter months. However, there was enough there to make a good hunt, seven car loads turned up with that vicious bound type of blood in their veins and the thrill of the hunt. The club at 2JLN which took them round the suburbs of Toorak, Kensington, Footscray and through the streets of the city. That bound of fox slowly treasured and the dogs of the city. This made things really tough with all the tall buildings. Then he cut the tone and used speech, which was difficult. Everytime he was very pleased to hear the familiar voice of our control station, Bob 30V, back on the job again.

The final location was held at the home of our member of the Institute and A.O.C.P. class student, Bert Stebbings, and we offer our sincere thanks to Bert and his XYL, Phyl, for opening their home to the Group. During the evening was given by HARRY, second place went to Tom 3AOG and third place to Eric 3ADU. Make sure to come along to the December hunt, which winds up the year, is the occasion when the fox uses every fair fox's trick and you can think of all the bounds, a hunt in which anything can happen, and you can be certain that the fox will make sure it does.

At the next V.h.f. Group meeting, Mr. D. F. Watson, Group Engineer of the P.M.G.'s. Circuit Laboratories, gave a general lecture on relay stations and how to use them. He brought along many examples of the P.M.G. type of relays giving full details on how to determine whether a relay is of the platinum or the silver type, and many constructional details which determine the speed and load capacities of the various relays. He answered many questions as he went along and concluded by giving a seven page pamphlet containing a description of all types

of service relays to each member present. A vote of thanks was passed and members warmly applauded, showing their appreciation of Mr. Watson's very interesting lecture.

During the summer business of the v.h.f. meeting, it was decided to hold field days during the forthcoming summer season. The first one will be held on Sunday 18th Nov. and will be followed by field days on the third Sunday in Feb., Mar., and Apr. These latter dates for 1957 are for the time being only tentative, pending the date of the 50th anniversary of the National Field Day for 1957. The scoring will be the same as last year, that is, one point per mile to be arranged during the QSO. An attractive certificate will again be awarded to the winner of each field day.

58BC has had a two-way phone contact on 58 Mc. on 4th Nov. This is possibly the first interstate contact on 58 Mc. since the allocation of the new band. Distance approx. 100 miles. Equipment used 58C-50w to CQW6/40, 4 w. u.s. beam 40 ft. up, cascade converter; 3ATN used 90w, to 629B, 6 el. beam 65 ft. 10 stage chain converter.

News of 2 mx activity. 3ATN at Warracknabeal is using 90w, to CQW6/40 with 5/5 beam, freq. 144.72 Mc. 3NN at 100w, to CQW6/40, 5/5 beam, freq. 144.73 Mc. is experimenting with long vags, 58C at Renmark using 8w, to CQW6/40, 16 el. planar array, freq. 144.13 Mc. 22CV at Ouyen, 35w, to p.p. 118, 5/5 beam 40 ft. high, freq. 144.16 Mc., is building up CQW6/40 rig, hopes to have it going soon. 22AM at Fenella, 40w, to 21Y, 5/5 beam 20 ft. high, has c.c. converter, freq. 144.81 Mc. and is hoping to get his beam up higher. 2ACE at Delap, using about 30w., 222 modified, with 5/5 beam 50 ft. high to freq. 144.13 Mc. 5AB although busy on other bands chasing the DX, has a 522 and is building 100w. final, 30 el. beam 5/5 rhombic 5/5, 100 ft. high, c.c. converter. 3ATN has moved his location and is using about 90w, to 629B, shortly to be changed to CQW6/40, freq. 144.72 Mc. using 15/15, 2 long yagis 20 ft. booms stacked two w.l.s. apart and 85 ft. high. Ray 3ATN, of Birchall, has been breaking through to Melbourne recently. 2VU and 2ANU are working S8 to S9 and has worked 3ZB3, 3ZAL and 3ALY. He will be on the air looking for Melbourne contacts each evening round about 8 p.m. Frequency is 144.41 Mc. With all the above activity you are assured of contacts if you direct your beam N.W. of Melbourne.—Phyl Monica

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The oncoming Geophysical Year activities should not be overlooked by the v.h.f. boys, who are asked to co-operate in this work by listening or operating points. A lot of very interesting and helpful information will be obtained as a result of this, and although the little bit each of us may do—for few will be able to man their outfits full time—may seem insignificant, it is all to be collated to obtain a full picture of the varying propagation conditions.

The Manufacturers' Exhibition next year will include a stand run by our Division and one of the many items required will be v.h.f. links to them to enable DX to be worked. It will be appreciated that the noise level in the vicinity of the grounds will be poor, so all you types that have real good locations and can shoot a relay to them for a few minutes. Time to speak up. Doc 5MD and Les 5LC will be very pleased to hear from you, they have a lot to expatriate and want many helpers, so v.h.f. gang, this is your chance. If we and although it will break down the time each link would be required to operate.

Nothing further heard from 2AGZ and their proposal for 2 mx to Adelaide, will keep you posted on this as information comes to hand. Listen on 144.50 from time to time and I'll pass the news that way, too.

Al 5ZAL will be on 2 mx again soon, he has re-built his rig and now has a QGE/12 in the final, whilst Roy 675/50 has a new 500w. final, has a new shiny 629B ready to use on 2 mx. We will all be interested to hear your fellows, welcome to the bendy Roy. Bill 5ZAX has been heard quite a bit lately, a very fine sig too, his antenna is perched up on a tower that is a v.h.f. man's dream. Neil 5ZAW has had some bother with his final (Gaven) but will have what has straightened it all out and now all happy again.

George 58G and Reg 5QR have had some fun and 5 x 8 signals across town on 1 mx by merely modulating the oscillator train of their converters—how is that for a trick? Les and Reg continue to play chess via 2 and 1 mx; couldn't tell you a winner on any of the games. I've heard—you know chess—they may be still going. My own activities have been confined to 2 mx this month, mainly confined to doing a

relay of W.I.A. session on Sunday a.m. With the rest of the weeks devoted to getting the tri-band beam going. Yes it works, so must get back on 2 mx again.—SEF.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The monthly meeting of the V.h.f. Group was held at the QTH of Syd 6SJ on Sat. Oct. 13. After welcoming visitors, among whom was Keith 2S2FW, whose ship was in port, the meeting settled down to serious business, constitutions and equipment discussions took the remainder of an enjoyable evening, concluding with the usual very good supper at a late hour.

Sat. night, 20th Oct., saw another Fox Hunt in progress. The job of foxing their opponents was undertaken by 6ZAD, 6ZAS and 6ZAG. The hide out was really good, right on the edge of the Swan River, only three made the grade, these being 6SJ, 6HK, and 6BO in that order. "Never in so short a space of time have so many been fooled by such a small stretch of water." Anyhow, everybody had a good time and that was the main thing. 6ZAZ has conducted tests from Wagin over a path of about 150 miles with some success. Activity on the bands may increase with the advent of warmer weather.—6ZAV.

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PROPAGATION REPORT

3.5 Me.: Contacts with the North American continent and Pacific Islands took place around 0800-1100z. Other conditions were not observed.

7 Mc.: DX contests during the month of October enabled this band to regain its full DX usefulness. Conditions to the American continents were reported between 0800z and 1000z. Between 1800z and 2000z, the band opened to Africa and Europe over the short path, while long-path openings to Europe were reported around 0700-0800z. Contacts with South-East Asia were possible around 2000-2100z.

14 Mei: As was to be expected, this band displayed fair to good conditions to all continents at reasonable times. European conditions existed around 0600-0900z, 1400-1500z, and 2100-2200z. The band opened to Africa at 1400-1500z and 1900-2200z. The American continents seemed to be represented round the clock.

21 Me.: Here reports show that the band opened to the American continents between 1800x and 0700x, to Europe 0800-0900x, 1200-1400x, and 1900-2100x, to Africa around 0600x, 1000-1200x and 1900-2100x.

27/28 Mo.: North and South America were represented between 2100 and 0600z, followed by an African opening 0600-0700z and a European opening 1000-1200z.

NEWS AND NOTES

According to press reports, **German Saarland**, since 1945 occupied by France, will be returned to Germany as from the 1st January, 1957. It can be assumed that 984 will not count as a separate country after that date.

One of the greatest DXpeditions came to an untimely and very regrettable end. Having visited several rare DX spots in the Pacific, **Danny Well** lost his yacht in Australian waters. Anyway, Danny, you did an excellent job for DXers everywhere, and, I am sure, all of us wish you best of luck and hope that you can continue your single-handed sea travel around the world at some other time.

VK1RW, of Cocos Island, has changed his call sign to **VK9AJ** (from 5WO).

Does **W6ITH** intend putting **Spratly Island** (9°N. Lat., 11°E. Lon.) on the Ham Radio map? News came around a few corners: **F9RS** to West-Gulf DX Club to **W6YY** to **VK3AHH**.

Who said you can't work DX on s.s.b.? It has been reported that **VK3AE** managed a W.A.C. round-table QSO with mutual readability. On the 28th October at 0800z he contacted the following stations on about 14300 Kc.: **DL4SV**, **KA2FC**, **CN8GD**, **PY2JU**, **W5SVP**, **G3HRO** and **ZL3PJ**, all on s.s.b. (from 3SK)

ZC3AC is active on 14010 Kc. (from W6YY).

Chas VK3IB, ex-VK1AC, is getting ready for another trip to the cool south.

VK5WO reports that JZ0ACK and JZ0ADM have changed their call signs to JZ0PC and JZ0PA, respectively.

G6YL, operating on 21012 Kc., is looking for VK contacts on 21 Mc. c.w., tuning the entire c.w. band (from 2YL).

† Hans J. Albrecht, 10 Belgravia Ave., Box Hill North, E.12, Vic.

* Call signs and prefixes worked.
z—zero time—G.M.T.

Following my paper in the October issue, several correspondents have gone to a lot of trouble in supplying more detailed information on DX conditions, particularly as far as the times of contacts are concerned. Well known DXer and editor of this page until 1952, Frank VK2QL, sent an extremely useful report. Thank you, gentlemen!

QTHs OF INTEREST

(from W6YY, NCDXC, 3ACN, 5WO, 7LZ,
BERS195 and Rod de Balfour)

YN1BW—C/o. American Embassy, Managua,
Nicaragua.

H21AB—M/Sgt. Jeff D. Harman, RFD 1, Sulsun,
Calif., U.S.A.

SV0WE—H. B. Wood, Alexandrow, Diakew 13.

Rhodes, Greece.
SM8KV—Via SM5KV.

ZD6DT—Box 89, Zomba, Nyasaland.
FE8AE—M. Veber, Box 408, Douala, French

SV0WJ—Air Attache Radio Club, APO 208, C/o

Postmaster, New York, U.S.A.
ZD2GWS—G.P.O., Buea, Nigeria.

ACTIVITIES

3.5 Me.: Frank 2QL reports W4*, W6*, W8*, KH6*, ZK1*, W9.

7 Ma.: 2QL contributes G8JR* (0700z), XW-8AB*, CE3AG*, DU7SV*, and Z36, Z33, HB, DL, YU, F8. Laurie 2AMB adds Z86AJR*, ZS2Q*, VETAG*, K4AQL/KG8*, and VSIGV. Dave WIA-L3039 heard DU7SV and Rod de Balfour heard WU on phone, and JAIBWK. 3AMH worked CRTBS* (1900z).

14 Mo. C.w.: 201L: PY*, CE*, TF3KA*, VQ-2GW*, ISRAM*, VQ5GC*, and ZD1FG, VQ2RG, 5A2FB, FA9BI, ET3AF, 3A2BH, CT3AB, CX-1BZ, VR5AB, YA1AM. 2AMB: VP97*, PZ1AM*, VQ5GC*, XE1Y*, PG7XC*, LUZDA*, FM1WP*, and ZS, KA1MJ, ZE2ZC, KR6, KP8AP, VQ2IE, VQ2FF, VK1GA. Neville 2APL: C3DZ*, DL*. Gordon 5HM: KM6*. Ray 5RK: C08DL*, VU-

ZAC, JA/KA Austin SWO: LA4. XB1A, SL,
YV4AU, C, GW3, LUYAS: VQ4KRLA ZSP9,
YV4AU, C, GW3, LUYAS: VQ4KRLA ZSP9,
PA0.0, IIR7H, C, GI, H, ON4.0, SM,
YU10A, IIR7H, OZUO, HN4, XWAB, LA,
LUTCD: VQ5CG, VQ4KRLA, Col LZ: TPFT,
HB9: ZBIZY, C3AG, ZJZADM, XZc BERS-
10: BVJUS, CTRDS, EAGAW, FBBER, PFOA,
K4A, P4Z, IIR7H, IIR7H, IIR7H, P4Z,
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LA1.3089, YD1DF, DL KJ7 VQ6AB, SL,
LA1.3089, YD1DF, DL KJ7 VQ6AB, SL,
FBZU, IIR7H, IIR7H, IIR7H, IIR7H, IIR7H,
IBA, C3BIE, KCAU5Y, LUTXP, VU2KL, VQ3GJ, LA

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14 Mo. S.s.b.: Rod de Balfour heard the following s.s.b. stations: XE2JK, VS6BE and W6. See also the item under News and Notes!

21 Me.: 20L: BV1U*, F8BCR*, Z5TC*, PY-
1ADA*, VQ5GC*, VQ4KP*, KP4KD*, CE3AG*,
LU8NA*, TF5TP*, ET2*, EA*, IT1TAI*, IT1ZWS*,
Z55U* and VP6HT, GD3FXN, CN8BK, ET2US,
YV ZC4NS, 2AMB: Z5IDO*, 2APL: VU2HP*

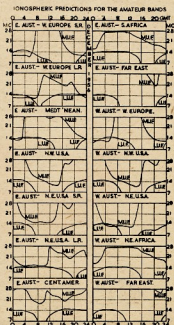
DL, OE, L, Z2, Z2SH, A, and HPIEH SHG:
LUDMGI, HZ1AB, VESMA. Les sPN: LK4,
FA2, TGI, VP2, C, CY, PY50: PYADA,
VE5: VESGN, VUEZH, PA, DL, ODLX,
L, Z2, Z2SH, A, and HPIEH SHG:
JZ0PC, JZL: GD3MGH, DL, PA0, OH, G,
JZ0PC, JZ0PC, KL1, DL, VP4JK, VP6WR,
JZ0PC, JZ0PC, KL1, DL, VP4JK, VP6WR,
2AQ, HC1FS, CEC3C, CFSYD, CESHJ, C,
2CO, F, ZSIDU, CF3AG, SM, JA. Rod
de Balfour: EATEM, EA, DL, OZ, SVOWT,
JZ0PC, JZ0PC, KL1, DL, VP4JK, VP6WR,
4KAC, VU8BK, VUZEJ, JA, CR8AB, VS8BO,
JZ0PC, VUQSD, VUQSD, ZS, F08AB, XEIDU,
JZ0PC, JZ0PC, KL1, DL, VP4JK, VP6WR,
VP1EE, HFSDA, TIBXZ, TIBZC, VP6WR, C,
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5AP, HC1FS, HC1FS, HRIHP, HK1PZ, CFSYD,

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Rare QSLs were received by: 2DI: FG7XB, YV0AA, F9QV/F, EA6AU. 2QL: YN1PM, VQ8AG, VP8AZ, ZE2JC, OQ8QS, HL9AA. 2ACX: FG7XB, AC5PN, YV0AA. 2AMB: YJ1AA, VQ-6LQ. 3HG: CR5SP, M1B. 5HI: EA8BK, H1BNU, Trieste, I5REX, OA4FA. 5WO: I5REX, ZD8RM, YV5FL, EA9AZ, YA2B. 7LZ: CP5EK, PY4APE, ZP5CF. V5F5H. BEB5195: VQ4ERR, VQ6LQ, Y51HR. Fed. de Bolivia: Z88VQ.

Thanks to W6YY, the Northern California DX Club, and VKs 2QL (QSP 2DI, 2ACX), 2YL, 2AMB, 2APL, 3HG, 3SK, 3ACN, 4HD, 4XJ, 5RK (QSP 3HL, 5HM, 5PN), 5WO, 6UP, BERS196, W1A-L3039, and Rod de Balfour (QSP 7LZ).

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Following the allocation of the prefix VK1
 for those Amateur Stations operating in the
 Australian Capital Territory, a further change
 has now taken place with regard to those sta-
 tions which operate from the Antarctic.

The prefix of VK1 (for Antarctica) has been
 withdrawn and in future VK0 (zero) will be
 allocated to these stations.

It is expected that the change over will take
 place when relief parties arrive at the various
 bases towards the end of the year.

EMERGENCY CO-OPERATION IN GREAT BRITAIN

In the November issue mention was made of
 amendments being promulgated for Amateurs
 in Great Britain. The "Amateur (Sound)
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 and of receiving from any other Amateur Sta-
 tion such messages as the person licensed to use
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 to receive."

This official recognition of Amateurs and their
 value in emergencies is most gratifying and
 the I.A.R.U. is to be congratulated on its fine
 work.

FEDERAL QSL BUREAU

Amateurs will be pleased to learn of the
 granting of the Polar Medal to the following
 Amateurs who in some cases served two sessions
 in the Antarctic: Eric Macklin (VK1EM), Jack
 Ward (VK1UW), and Hugh Oldham (VK1AWI). It
 is forecast that the investiture will be made by H.R.H.
 The Duke of Edinburgh about Dec. 3. Last year
 H.R.H. visited the Antarctic and was presented
 with a similar honour. Another Antarctic Amateur
 to receive an honour of a different class was
 Fritz Van Huisen (VK1VH), who on 1st November,
 qualified for the Matrimonial Medal.

Further again to recent pairs about the correct
 address of the QSL Bureau, Col W. J. Jones
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 Col forwarded intact a letter to 3WBA4 that he
 had sent addressed to "Ken King and Canton,"
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being back stamped "Saigon." No evidence that
 the letter had been routed as addressed was
 forthcoming. It may be apparent to many that
 whether the postal authorities forward the let-
 ters by the route suggested.

Col VK3Z also advises that VK3UR on Coos
 informed him that the call sign has been
 changed to VK9AJ. The change, while making
 for uniformity, is unfortunate because VK3UR
 had been the call sign of cards printed with
 the old call on them.

Due to the death of old-timer, VE3QB, who
 managed the VE3 Bureau for many years, the
 address of the VE3 Bureau has been changed to
 33 Sylvia Crescent, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
 The new manager is Les Whetham, VE3QE.
 The R.E.B. is advised the correct address for
 that body is: Rede Dos Emissores Portugueses,
 Rua D. Pedro V, 7-4, Lisbon, Portugal.

Dig through your box haps and see if you
 have sent a card to LAISA, Røge Helgesen,
 Box 70, Tonsberg, Norway. Helge is eagerly
 awaiting a card from the many VK stations
 worked, but none to hand so far. Helge has a
 soft spot for VK, having been a crew member
 of the Norwegian whaler factory ship Balena
 which called at many of our ports during 1959
 enroute to Antarctica.

An interesting QSL addressed to BERS156 was
 from an aircraft mobile station, operated by
 Jack and Joan WORHJ, under the call
 sign WGRHJ/AM. At the time the card was
 sent the aircraft mobile on 14 Mc. the
 plane was flying at 9500 feet between Darwin
 and Jakarta.

Bill Storor (VK2EG, ex-VK1BS and VK1EG)
 will be in Melbourne on P.M.G. duties for about
 a month covering the Olympic period. He
 will be bending the elbow with many of his old
 friends.

The Radio Club of Chile advise that due to
 modification of the number of call districts in
 Chile, it has been necessary to amend the
 conditions of their W.A.C.E. Award. As from
 July 1, 1959, the districts have been created
 in lieu of the existing seven. The present dis-
 tricts CE1 to CE7 remain practically as before,
 but CE8, CE9, CE10, CE11, CE12, CE13, CE14, CE15
 and CE16 are new. The new districts are: CE15
 Tierra del Fuego, CE9 Chilean Stations in the
 Antarctic continent, and CE10 Easter Island.
 The new conditions for the Award provide that eight
 QSLs proving communication with eight of the
 ten districts in any of the bands, must be sub-
 mitted. The direct sending of the QSLs can be
 omitted if the QSL is certified by the Award
 Manager of a Club or body affiliated
 with the I.A.R.U. This means that it is only
 necessary to send your cards to the W.I.A.
 Awards Manager who will return the neces-
 sary certification to forward to the Radio
 Club of Chile.

Letters from the rival societies in Sweden—
 the S.S.A. and the S.A.R.C.—seem to indicate

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an unfortunate cleavage in that country. The
 handling of cards seems to be the main bone
 of contention. The S.A.R.C. definitely state they
 will not handle or deliver cards to members
 of the S.A.R.C., while this latter body, whose
 members are in Sweden, deliver cards to all
 Amateurs and non-Amateurs irrespective
 of their membership in either society. They
 claim that big packages of cards dating back to
 1945 are lying in several S.A.R.C. houses.
 We hope this unfortunate schism is quickly
 healed.

The correct address for cards for Amateurs
 in the Federal Capital Territory (now VK1) is
 Bud Pounsett, Box 59, Kingston, Canberra. It
 is as well to include the word "Canberra" in
 the address of all packages addressed to
 Kingston, A.C.T., were tried at every Kingston
 in the Commonwealth—except Kingston, A.C.T.
 Ray Jones, VK3RJ, Federal QSL Manager.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Approximately 70 members were present at
 the October meeting of the New South Wales
 Division, held as usual on the fourth Friday of
 the month at the Science House. The meeting was
 presided over by Norm Burton (deputising for
 Horrie 2FA) and Perce 2APQ on the activities
 of the New South Wales B.C.I. Committees. Al-
 though no t.v. sets have yet been made, the
 Committees have been kept busy with tests
 conducted on various receivers and transmitters
 of the various B.C.I. stations. Horrie and Perce
 would welcome any members willing to assist
 the Committees with this interesting study. Don
 2MA, who has recently retired, has been made
 a member of the U.K. and U.S.A. demonstrated his "personal
 portable" t.v. rx and answered questions on
 many aspects of his trip.

Arrangements have been concluded for the
 issue of car badges modelled on the Institute
 badge and orders are now being accepted by
 the Secretary.

Discussion took place on the important ques-
 tion of the growing menace of commercial use
 of the exclusive Amateur bands. Noel 2AQH
 has agreed to act as Divisional "clearing house"
 for reports on commercial interference. Noel
 requests that all who are able should supply
 him with information. He also requests that all
 and times of operation of non-Amateur stations
 operating in the exclusive Amateur bands. Al-
 though little can be done with those stations
 which are in the clear, there are many in-
 stances of harmonic and parasitic radiations
 from stations much nearer home, especially be-
 cause of the use of 1.5 Mc. and 1.8 Mc. bands.
 You will be no stranger to this problem and the
 gradual insurgence into the 14 Mc. band pro-
 portions, unless action is taken promptly. Noel's address is

R.M.B. 585, Anthony Street, Blacktown, N.S.W. Let's keep him busy and do something constructive about this threat to our very existence.

HUNTER BRANCH

The University of Technology was the location of the October meeting of the Hunter Branch. One film on the construction and testing of tv antennae was shown, following which Bill 2XT declared the meeting open and the minutes were read and business dealt with. The affairs of the Blackalls Convention were finalised and the meeting decided that the 1957 Convention would be held at Blackalls Park on October 5 and 6, and that Council be asked to hold this date for the Hunter Branch.

Jim McKay lectured on the construction and erection of antenna masts and gave the meeting some interesting hints on guying and anchoring the masts. The 24 members present showed their interest by the number of questions asked.

Following Jim's lecture two more films, one in colour, were shown, again dealing with tv antennae and their construction and testing methods. The meeting closed with the usual ragchew.

Mr. Stewart, father of Ron 2ASJ, has been very ill the last few weeks and all Branch members wish him a speedy recovery. The usual Xmas Party of the Branch will not be held this year, but a present will be purchased for each child of each member and will be distributed by the Social Committee at an appropriate time. This will take the form of a personal visit and ragchew. Stan 2ZDL, Les 2ZCB, Dave 2BZ, Doug 2ADS and Les 2AOR have all been active on 2 m. Rodney 2CS active at night on 7 and 14 Mc.

Listen for 2AWX, Monday nights, on 14 Mc. at 8 p.m. for official Hunter Branch news.

UPPER HUNTER GROUP

Note with interest that another Ham has appeared in the way of 2ZCB at Scene and to date have not had the opportunity of calling on this gentleman—not 27 miles away. Have no news from 2BRC or 2OS, apparently you boys have had to shelve Amateur Radio for a time. The Hunter Branch field day was attended by Geoff 2YU, Tas 2GV and Ken 2ANU. Last week of Tas was that he was visiting 2AFP at Tamworth. Only two stations were heard operating in the V.h.f. Group spring field day—2YU and 2ANU, who were kept busy with messages and finding someone to pass them too. Geoff busy building phased array for 2 m and Ken building converters.

SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

I think by this time the chaps of this zone will have recovered from the Convention and

are once again either building or using the gear for DX or otherwise. Your scribe had a very welcome visit from Eric 2DY, Peggy and family, who were visiting at Wagga, and forded the Murrumbidgee to come to Coolamon. Les 2ZBJ at Quilty is still very active on 144 Mc. and is experimenting with p.m. and discriminators; has talked your scribe into the staff, also. However, it is good fun playing around, isn't it Les?

Don 2BS at Albury is active from home QTH after holidays. Don recently had a visit from 2ZBJ and was impressed with the mighty signal from Les' mobile. Art 2EU is also talking about 144 Mc, after the visit. Lyn 2AQF is active occasionally from Wagga. Have not heard 2AIB or 2BW. The Tumut gang have not been heard over here, although have heard 2ZAA on 144 Mc.

COALFIELDS AND LAKES

Cec. 2KR and other Woy Woy gang have the arrangements for the field day to be held on the 18th. Major 2RT still the only station heard here from the Gosford area. Doug 2ASA, of Tuggerawang, on 144 Mc. fairly regularly and also can be found on 21 Mc. Nothing heard this month from Bob 2KF, but understand he is active. From Singleton, Geoff 2YU on 144 Mc. most nights and looking for Newcastle-Sydney contacts. Another regular 144 Mc. boy is Ken 2ANU, from Muswellbrook. Duncan 2MC hopes to be active by Xmas. Chris not active at present time, but 2PZ is O.K. to operate if the need arises. 2YL active most bands when time permits; the highlight of the month at 2YL was the visit of W6AL and his good wife; it was a great thrill to meet Bill in person after over 20 years of Ham contacts.

VICTORIA

At the November general meeting, Maurice Anderson (3AMA) gave a very interesting lecture on his recent trip to Central Australia for the opening of the John Flynn Memorial Church. Firstly he sketched the route of his trip via N.S.W. and Western Queensland, then he showed his large collection of 35 mm. coloured slides, weaving the story of his trip around the subject of each slide. The brilliant colouring of Eyre's Rock, Simpson's Gap, the mountains and scenery of the Centre and the enormous carpets of wild flowers were very amazing and wonderfully portrayed in his very excellent collection of slides. Stan 2TE assisted Maurice with the showing of the slides and Stan, himself, had some very excellent slides of his own which he also showed. Maurice brought in his 40 mm mobile rig which he used on the trip and which is a very neat and compact little unit. Now

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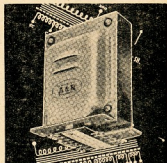
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December as the fourth Friday is right in the middle of the festive season so you can make the Get-together do instead.

Well, all the very best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a successful 1957.

TOWNSWILLE

Before going to the monthly meeting, went along to Ed's house, the usual place for the meeting in hospital. Very glad to report to all his well-wishers that Ed's fourth operation was successful. Ed, hope you are soon home and get among the things you need for the Christmas.

Again the meeting just managed to scrape up a quorum plus two associates who are anxiously awaiting results of last examination. Great plans were made to increase roll up in the New Year. The Emergency procedure pamphlet was very hotly discussed and it was thought that the new equipment was given and no mention of local police and post-masters being informed re their part in co-operating in times of emergency.

John 4DK is putting up lower after to have nice crow's nest complete with hand rail. Vern 4LK in throes of anticipation of breakthrough on 1st. John 4DK has broken through from Sydney to Brisbane; also 144 Mc. from Maryborough to Warwick. John 4DD putting up four elements on 2 Mc. that did yeoman service. Alf 4BE, 4Gretley, 4Gretley, 4Gretley return home again as family guided with bad luck while down south. The ether whispers that Norm 4DT is looking for long spell in the south and has arranged for emergency gear to be available in Mareaeba while he is away.

Visitor to my shack this month was Ed 4EW, mobile on transfer to Darwin, and promised to meet Danny Well on his arrival in Darwin. Now Danny is on his way to Darwin, and is taking yacht "Yasme"—still undaunted and looking for another boat to complete his journey.

MARYBOROUGH

First result of the 60 foot tower at 4CB was a 2 mx contact over 180 miles to 4ZAF at Warwick. This is a new State record. Next on the menu was the 400 Mc. activity. Ron has to go up. 4BG re-built his power supplies and the increased power of 65 watts blew two by-ones and 4BBS were settling down. Ron has been climbing out of bed at dawn to look at 400 Mc. and reckons the new countries worked have been worth it. 4HZ, of temporary nature, has been active. 4BBS bought up the remains of a windmill tower and went on his way rejoicing.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Our T.v. Committee should be pleased with excellent reception they obtained at the October meeting, where they presented lectures for the evening. The vast attendance of members and associates, together with 13 visitors, brought the assembly to over 140 which was a clear demonstration of the confidence members have in the Committee to provide some really good information to enable us to keep the clear "one eye" on the radio, and really intend doing something about it to enable us to keep on the air and not let this new medium of communication be a waste of activity.

Ray Tuck introduced the two speakers, Rob Gurr (5RO) and Ian Well (5IW) and gave an outline of what we were to expect. Rob's right into it and outlined the theory of the T.V. into the assembly of references, from where they had been received, and how (Rob's XYL, who was here, where they were received, and he), and then indicated equipment built and under construction, some of which was on display.

The information available was assembled from all over the world, with particular reference to U.S.A. where A.R.L.L. led the field, and a great number of great references were given. Years of experience in t.v. activities and t.v. problems assisted by supplying their angles of approach.

It is apparent that a careful study of the A.R.L.L. handbook and the Remington Rand T.V. book will be the main source of inspiration to the present and new answers, so go to it chaps, we all have to learn.

Rob quote some statistics obtained from the British P.M.G. on the number of t.v. complaints received in the last 12 months. It will cheer you up to learn that Ham t.v. represented but 1 per cent. of the total, all of which are caused by the use of the wrong domestic appliances. Including those with universal motors and vibrators (shades of razors here). He concluded by giving acknowledgment to the many boys who were ready to help out on their present activities and were keeping VKI posted.

Day followed by Ian who had previously set up two t.v. rx's, a pattern generator and a

small tx loaned by Les 5AX, amongst other items of interest including a g.d.o. that we all wanted to take home. He outlined the equipment on demonstration and then went straight to the practice, showing when what could happen, to the screen, when a tx was in use nearby that had not been completely proofed. The effect of "swamping", harmonic radiation, and spurious, was shown, and effect and made some of us wonder what volume of trade would be offering next "tender" night. The view was to be the effect of incorrect i.f. frequencies and how disastrous this could be, and concluded by offering suggestions for cure of all apparent faults. It was very interesting to note the T.V. Committee are to build a table-topper from which all bugs have been removed, and some time in the future the T.V. Committee will be demonstrating (and article for the magazine, I hope—Ed.)

A short practical talk was given by Bob Langfield (G3IHC) on how he got over t.v. and lived alongside t.v. in a fringe area, most interesting Bob, and thanks.

The main thoughts left with us all was that in future we will have to box within a box, within a screen, to keep those harmonics in their places, and by-pass all power leads to the screen, and also to be sure of the effect of screen and a few more r.f. chokes and puffs here and there.

Many thanks go to Ray, Rob, and Ian for assembling such a wealth of information and delivering such interesting lectures, and to Ian and Les for the gear used in the demonstrations. It was a pleasure to use of both the information they have obtained, and the test gear they are to make available to keep our houses in order. If you are not sure of the approach, stamp and address envelope sent to the Committee with your enquiry will bring a prompt reply. They even have all the dope on B. & W. coils, so don't let B. & W. 3002 ever lose you again.

The general business of the evening was followed after G.S.L. cards had been handed out, which included the following: 29 members and associate members, J. E. Barker, K. L. Metcalf, J. Tuck-Kelpe, B. A. Enderbee, J. E. S. Rills, J. Cook, J. S. Albeck, J. E. Grey, and A. C. Grivell, whilst E. S. Whittington (G2QV) was raised to full membership, and Vic Taylor (G4WLM/M) on M.V. Agamemnon was granted honorary membership for one month.

A sub-committee under the joint control of "Doc" 5MD and Les 5LC has been formed to look after the exhibit in the 1957 Manufacturers' Exhibition. This is the look-out for equipment, operators, helpers, and yet more helpers, to get organised, for although there appears a lot of time ahead there is a lot to do, and no one will be able to do it all, so don't be backward, join in the project and further the Institute's efforts; it's good publicity, help membership and promotes good public relations.

Welcome back to the bands goes to Chas 5ON this month; very pleased to hear you on again and hope you will get the new QTH to your liking. Bert 5KG is doing well with 10 mx DX these days, uses a vertical with single wire feed. The G.D.O. Classed in the last 28 months, and to try their luck, in fact the opening meeting was so good a larger room had to be hired to accommodate them, all—so there is now more room for you. AYL is joining the ranks, all the best to her.

NORTH WESTERN

Not much heard from the gibber country this month, so presume they are on the DX bands with their various rhombics. The Port Lincoln spy advised Pat 5LT is back from hospital and will be on the air. 5XZ is shifting his QTH and by the time these notes are read he should be settled down near the coast. Col 5G is in the air, and wish him well in his new place of abode; don't forget the Lincoln boys Jack, 40 mx will get over to them quite well. Wal 5E is still active particularly on Sunday mornings. 5XZ has plans for a re-build to get on to other bands. Alf Mack is swatting hard for A.O.C.P.; stick dog well, and it will be well worth the punch for you. George 5GA still busy, but not yet on to the bands, hopes to soon.

SOUTH EAST

Leo 5ZAG provided a lecture for last meeting based on carrier telephony (P.M.G. style), most interesting and all looking forward to a construction of some kind. 5XZ has a plan to have a lot to say about his caravan trip to VK2 which kept him away from the bands for the month. Col 5G is not on the air, but wish him well. 5XZ is getting his rig in order for Special Europe contacts when Maxine goes there soon to the Guide camp as representative of the State. 5XZ is still busy, but not yet on 2 mx but finds his signs won't penetrate the

300 ft. mast at the p.c. station, preventing a Remmark hook-up—put it on top, Dave! Erg 5KU manages a few DX on 20 c.w. to keep his hand in, but is spending most of his spare time to this practice, however, that's how a few spurs, Erg, for they do crack you know.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

At the October Divisional meeting Mr. Archie Strickland gave a most interesting lecture on "As a Ham, how does it happen that, as the stars are thousands of "light" years away it would be useless to send radio messages. 6MK would be surprised to remark that they probably would not QSL anyway.

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NORTH WESTERN ZONE

The monthly meeting of the zone was held at my QTH in Wynyard on Oct. 23 and was well attended with 13 present, including two new associates. A very welcome to you both. As the zone numbers are increasing, it was decided to continue holding two monthly meetings with lectures to be given by members. "Guess the resonant frequency" was a little thing cooked up by our President, Jim IJO, and consisted of a coil and variable condenser combination; formulae suited and calculations went on everywhere, I even found one effort on the wall above the mantelpiece. First prize was a lovely 80% brand new, with crinkly plates, won by Denis TDR.

After this an auction was held, and it was terrible to see fairly normal human beings rapidly degenerate into things who elbowed their neighbours, shouted bids, fondly stroked various pieces of junk, and generally came under the hypnotic spell of the auctioneer. Ted TEJ, tried to save you got your voice back. Incidentally, we were missing a small mantle model; what did that bring Ted?

How's that r.x coming along, Johnny Lee? Believe the p.d. that associate Max Ives built makes a good signal source. George TXL and his tape recorder, have not been sighted this month, you were out when I called, George. Denis TDR has a fine ground plane adorning his garage roof and seems well pleased with the DX on 20 mx. The radiator is cut for 15 mx by the way. By the way, TRN is conspicuous by his absent signal, although he was present at the meeting; appeared to be engrossed in earnest conversation with Athol TLR who is currently experimenting with the reception of t.v. Devonport. How are those t.v. beams going there Athol? Put one up over the shop, it's sure to be seen by customers. Leon TXP, Queens town has an antenna farm on the hill, and appears to be having good DX hunting with the cubical quip. In Xmas must be received by wrap-up given to the Hams on a Parliamentary broadcast early in October?

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